GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Number of Universities
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of universities in the country at present, State/UT-wise along with the number of students admitted therein;
(b) whether the number of students taking admission in higher education is increasing in the country and if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to accord the status of university to some of the colleges in order to meet the shortage in higher education and if so, the details thereof;
(d) whether the Government has invited the proposals from States in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and
(e) the total number of new universities likely to be set up, State/UT

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b): As per All India Survey on Higher Education (AISHE) 2014-15, State-wise, number of universities and enrolment therein is given in annexure. According to the survey, student enrolment in Institutions of Higher Education has increased significantly as evident from the table given below:
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Year Student Enrolment
(In Crore)
2011-12 2.92
2012-13 3.02
2013-14 3.23
2014-15 3.42
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(c) to (e): Under Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA) creation of seven Universities by upgradation of autonomous colleges and eight Universities by clustering of Colleges has been approved.
Project Approval Board (PAB) of RUSA has approved under the component of `creation of Universities by upgrading existing autonomous colleges', one each at Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh , Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand , Puducherry and 2 at Odisha. PAB also approved, under the component `creation of Universities by conversion of colleges in a cluster', one each at Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Manipur, Odisha and 2 at Jammu & Kashmir.
At present there is no proposal to set up new Central Universities in the country. However, the Andhra Pradesh Re-organisation Act 2014 envisages establishment of one Central Tribal University each in State of Andhra Pradesh and in the State of Telangana and one Central University in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh in the 12th and 13th Plans. Further the Prime Minister has announced a package for Bihar on 18.8.2015. This package includes establishment of a Central University near Bhagalpur at the historic site of Vikramshila University.
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